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Conference News - July

Breakfast at General Synod

The SEC delegates and staff issued an invitation to conference visitors at General Synod to join them for a breakfast caucus from Sunday, July 3rd through Tuesday, July 5th.

During these breakfast meetings there were discussions among delegates, pastors and church members concerning resolutions and governance of the United Church of Christ. It was wonderful fellowship with friends reconnecting or new friendships being formed.



Over 50 Delegates, Visitors and/or Exhibitors from Various Congregations in SEC Attended Synod

Pastors and/or members from the following churches were present:

- First Congregational Church, Birmingham, AL;
- Open Table: A Community of Faith, Mobile, AL;
- Community Congregational Church, Montgomery, AL;
- Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA;
- First Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA;
- Kirkwood UCC, Atlanta, GA;

- Rush Memorial Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA;
- Praxis UCC, Atlanta, GA;
- Decatur UCC; Decatur, GA;
- Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, GA;
- Bethany Congregational Church, Thomasville, GA;
- Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, SC;
- Garden of Grace UCC, Columbia, SC;
- Church of the Savior UCC, Knoxville, TN;
- Holy Trinity Community Church, Nashville, TN;
- Howard Congregational Church, Nashville, TN; and
- Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pleasant Hill, TN



Synod delegates for the Southeast Conference were:
Jennifer Austin | Holy Trinity Community Church, Nashville, TN;

Jim Crabb | Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA;
Wesley Farrell-Williams (Young Adult) | First Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA;
Jeremy Rich | Bethany Congregational Church, Thomasville, GA;
Christophe Ringer | Howard Congregational Church, Nashville, TN;
Jennifer Spears | Garden of Grace UCC, Columbia, SC; and
Bette Graves Thomas | First Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA.

Conference Minister, **Tim Downs** served as an associate delegate from the Board of Local Church Ministries.

Thank You to all those who took part in Synod!

Outgoing Collegium Members released;

New Moderators Installed

Representing the Georgia-South Carolina Association for **Stephen Sterner** was Conference Minister, **Timothy Downs**.

Using liturgy found in the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ, delegates and visitors to General Synod 28 were able to offer thanks, praise, and prayer one more time to outgoing Collegium members, and to witness to the installation of the moderators for the 2011-2013 biennium. [Read more on the UCC website.](#)

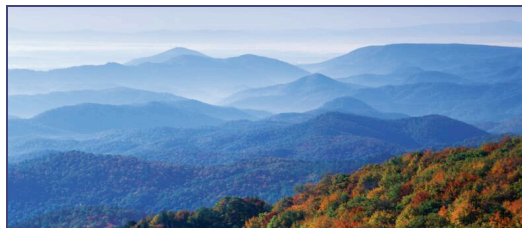


Steve Sterner & Tim Downs on the Big Screen at GS28 - *right*.



OCWM Sunday - Come and Celebrate

The Southeast Conference has called for churches to celebrate OCWM Sunday on September 18th, to help us all understand that OCWM is about "US."



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Women's Southern Regional Meeting - Make Plans to Join Us!

The Southern Regional Women's Meeting takes place **October 7 – 9** in beautiful **Blowing Rock, North Carolina**.

Now is the time to take action. Register early!

The deadline is Wednesday, September 14.

Financial help is available from the Southeast Conference Women's Mite Fund.

The theme is **"A Faith Inspired Look Toward Wholeness"** planned by women from Southern, Southeast, Florida and South Central conferences of the UCC. Ms. Barbara Baylor of the U.C.C. national staff will give the keynote speaker.

Among the workshop leaders are Rev. Dorothy Gager, Rev. Gwen Thomas, Ms. Jo Sherer, and Ms. Joan Gittings from the Southeast Conference with great topics to share.

Make your plans with your fellow members and friends, UCC.

Back to School This August!

CPR - [The Place Where Church Leaders Go to Learn.](#)

- > **August 04** | Good News Preaching / Webinar
- > **August 10** | Managing Conflict and Change = Healthy Church / Webinar
- > **August 11** | The Socially Networked Ministry / 5-wk Course
- > **August 16** | Part-Time Ministry Call: Disappointment or Opportunity? / Webinar
- > **August 18** | Managing Change & Conflict = Healthy Churches / 5-wk Course

> **August 20** | History & Polity in the UCC

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